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REFLECTIONS ON THE CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

Dear Friends,

Enclosed in our "Soundings" is a synopsis of the actions taken at our Churchwide Assembly. I would like to make a few overall observations.

The ELCA is a church that has set down its moorings. Based on strong biblical underpinnings, we adopted a foundational statement of who we are--not "of the world" but "in the world". This statement will form the future direction of the ELCA.

The foundational statement is further strengthened by the ecumenism position paper which firmly places us in the mainstream of the church "catholic" in the world.

There was an overwhelming affirmation of the leadership of Bishop Herbert Chilstrom, and of the processes used in developing the social statements adopted by the Assembly.

The Assembly delegates were very diligent in their work and committed to their responsibilities. The average age of the delegation was from 40 to 45, and they were representative of the inclusivity goals set by the ELCA. The 11 delegates from our synod are available to you in your clusters and congregations for firsthand reports and impressions.

Sincerely in Christ,

Lowell E. Knutson

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See Grow Serve to the Glory of God

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NEW CAMPUS PASTOR

The University of Washington Campus Christian Ministry announces a new campus pastor, THE REV. BROOKE ROLSTON, an American Baptist with 15 years' pastoral and campus ministry experience, and strong ecumenical commitments. Brooke joins Pastors Jean Kim and Jon Magnuson at Covenant House.

LOMA AWARDED GRANT

Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Association (LOMA) is one of 16 King County human service agencies selected by Apple Computer and Gifts in Kind America to receive new computer equipment and software valued at $3,500. LOMA applied for the grant to assist in expansion of its retreat and conference center operations for non-profit organizations and social service programs.

RENTON GRADUATE OF EVERGREEN PROJECT

We are pleased to announce that a recent graduate of the Evergreen Youth Television Project launched at Pacific Lutheran University this summer is HEATHER CLAUSON, a member of Nativity Lutheran in Renton, WA.

High school students learned to produce video communications from a faith perspective. They videotaped interviews and news stories at locations around Puget Sound. Some were aired on local TV networks. The Evergreen Youth Television Team is expected to be aired on "Good Morning America" (ABC-TV) on Sept. 30. The youth interviewed people on such subjects as care for the environment, response to the forgotten in our society (persons living with AIDS and refugees), peacemaking in a violent world, and perennial youth concerns--sexuality and addiction.

MULTICULTURAL UNIT HEAD MOVES TO BISHOP'S OFFICE

Bishop Herbert Chilstrom announced the appointment of the REV. CRAIG J. LEWIS as assistant to the bishop and director of the chapel. Lewis currently is the executive director of the Commission for Multicultural Ministries. Lewis will essentially be replacing the Rev. Morris "Bo" Sorenson, who is retiring.

KING-TV CANCELS "NORTHWEST ENCOUNTER"

KING-TV has recently cancelled "Northwest Encounter," its locally produced religious issues series. Produced in cooperation with the Seattle-based Religious Broadcasting Commission, the program was the only local ecumenical talk show on Seattle-Tacoma stations, and the only local ecumenical program produced with a live audience in the United States. KING had previously ended production of the program a year ago. At the same time, they ceased production of their ethnic issues series, "Celebrate the Differences."

KING management claimed a lack of studio time and staff to continue producing the live audience talk show. They also indicated that increased production of news, and financial pressures related to the sale of the station led to the cancellation.

"Northwest Encounter" continues to play on cable television on Tuesday evenings at 9:00 p.m. on Channel 29 on TCI, Viacom and Seacom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION ON INITIATIVE 119 by Steve Lansing, Director, Lutheran Public Policy Office of Washington

Included in this month's edition of "Soundings" is an informational piece on Initiative 119, commonly referred to as the "Death with Dignity" initiative. In discussing this issue with the Bishop, we felt it was very important that the members of the ELCA be aware of 1) what Initiative 119 would allow and 2) why ELCA social policy leads the ELCA to oppose Initiative 119.

As you know, ELCA social policy is not binding on the consciences of individual Lutherans. However, church social policy is viewed as an important factor to be considered by church members as they make their own personal decisions. In fact, most Lutherans are interested in knowing official church positions, even if they disagree with those positions.

We ask that you share the enclosed information with your congregation. By sharing this information you will be contributing to better informed citizens, and will be giving this issue the attention

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INITIATIVE 119 (cont.)
it deserves. The informational piece focuses on what the initiative does and the context in which it was developed. Next month you will receive another information piece which explains in more detail why the ELCA is opposed to the initiative.

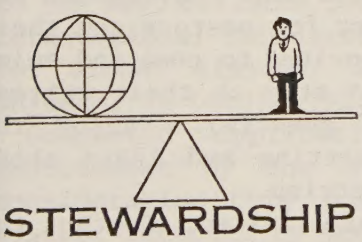
Clergy who are personally opposed to the initiative may be interested in contacting a newly formed organization called CLERGY AGAINST 119. Call Ned Dolejsi, Executive Director of the Washington State Catholic Conference, 382-4821 for more information.

GET PREPARED FOR INITIATIVE 119

The Life Enrichment Program of Lutheran Social Services can arrange an insightful presentation of both the pros and cons of this sensitive issue. They can help your congregation discuss the challenging ethical dilemmas involved in this vote. Molly Hoffman, Medical Social Worker at Northwest Hospital since 1987, is prepared to discuss the legal and ethical issues on the "right to die" issue. Please call Fran Davis at 672-6009 if you would like to schedule Molly for a Sunday morning adult forum or a weeknight presentation.

A STEWARDSHIP WORD by Pastor John Strand, Chair, Stewardship Committee

As a leader in your church, I know you will soon be involved in building a budget proposal to take to your congregational meeting. Most of our churches do a stewardship program before this budgeting process starts. So, as you plan your fall stewardship program, may I suggest that you remind your congregation that what they give in offerings to the church has nothing to do with the budget that your church adopts. The faithful steward never looks at the church's budget for the next year and asks, "What is my share?". The budget has nothing to do with what we as individuals give. Stewardship of money has everything to do with how we have been blessed by God. It is a separate issue.



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STEWARDSHIP WORD (cont.)

If you approach giving from this perspective, it will free you up in your planning for next year's program needs. Tell your congregation what your dreams are for your ministry together, and ask them to joyfully and generously respond to the privilege of supporting this ministry. Ask them to consider the blessings God has showered upon them, and invite them to respond by giving a percentage of their income to support the work of the ministry. And then be specific about what that gift should be.

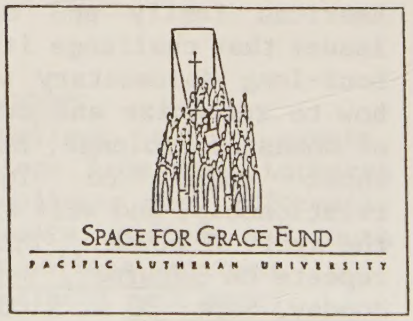
I believe that as leaders in the church we are much too hesitant to ask our people to tithe. Pastor Ed Markquart once said that to tell your high school age child to "be home early" wasn't very helpful. What you as a parent mean by "early" is not what a teenager thinks is "early". It is much more helpful to be specific--"Be home by 11:00 p.m." The same holds true in asking people to respond to God's gifts by tithing. You didn't invent the tithe, so you don't have to defend it. Ask your people to give as they have been blessed by God, and ask them to give a percentage gift, and then remind them of the Biblical admonition to tithe.

What we give has nothing to do with the budget. It has everything to do with how God has blessed us.

PLU SUNDAY - OCTOBER 13

To highlight PLU Sunday this year, congregations are requested to focus on SPACE FOR GRACE, the new $2.2 million worship center at PLU, which has been endorsed by all the Region I synods. On October 13 and throughout the year, individuals in congregations will be asked to make three-year pledges to SPACE FOR GRACE.

Congregations will receive bulletin inserts and other items. A 10-minute video is available, and a speakers bureau can assist with presentations Oct. 13 or at other times. Call the PLU Church Relations Office, 535-7423.



MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL CHURCHWIDE OFFERING

Our synod has designated Sunday, November 3, All Saints Sunday, for a special Offering for Churchwide Ministries to help with the ELCA budget shortfall this year. Congregations have been mailed special offering envelopes, and the synod office has an extra supply available for pickup. Additional envelopes may also be obtained from the Augsburg Fortress Distribution Service, code number 67-0019.

ELCA Special Churchwide Offering

We suggest that every member of every congregation receive an envelope to be given an opportunity to contribute to this special offering.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

The month of October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Family violence--physical assault, psychological abuse, sexual abuse, and destruction of property and pets--cuts across geographic, religious, economic, race, sex and age barriers. Children who are abused or who witness abuse may be at risk to abuse as adults, or be vulnerable to being victimized as adults.

Learn how this cycle can be broken and how the church community can be part of the healing. Trained speakers from the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence are available for congregations and adult groups by calling 634-1903.

Just prior to October's National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 9:00 p.m., LIFETIME Television will premiere its eighth *Your Family Matters* special, "Prisoners of Wedlock," as part of the network's ongoing public service campaign that celebrates the American family and draws attention to issues that challenge its well being. This hour-long documentary will shed light on how to recognize and confront the tragedy of domestic violence, how to offer help to those eager to leave an abusive relationship, and will examine ways to stop the cycle of abuse. "Prisoners of Wedlock" repeats on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 5:00 pm; Monday, Sept. 30 at 2:00 pm; and Saturday, Oct. 5 at 2:00 pm.

GLOBAL MISSION SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

FRED & ROBERTA ANDERSON, Northwest Area Secretaries of the World Mission Prayer League, have developed a variety of programs to share with our congregations on the church's global mission and the work of the WMPL. They are available to speak on topics which will deepen mission consciousness within the congregation. They can make slide presentations on Nepal, Pakistan, and Mexico. They are also willing to consult with congregational global mission committees on how to build or enhance their mission focus.

Fred is a member of our synod's Global Mission Committee, and can be reached at the WMPL NW Area Office at LBI: 391-4046.

LUTHERAN COUNCIL HISTORY by Ken Helling

A brief history of the Seattle area pan-Lutheran Council that was in existence from 1956-1978 has been prepared by Ruth Lavik, member of Queen Anne Lutheran and former secretary of the Metropolitan Seattle Lutheran Council. Copies of that history are now available in the synod office.

Lutheran Council minutes, reports, and other records have been planed in the Region 1 archives at PLU, where they are available for perusal to anyone interested.

Our thanks to Ruth Lavik for compiling this record of pan-Lutheran cooperation in the Seattle area during those 22 years.

RETREAT AT GRUNEWALD GUILD

The Grunewald Guild near Leavenworth has a special offer just for pastors and their spouses. You are invited to come and enjoy a one- or two-night stay at their retreat facility as their guest(s). Enjoy the quiet, beautiful setting and learn about their various ministries.

Space and dates are limited. Contact the Grunewald Guild, 19003 River Rd., Leavenworth, WA 98826, or call (509) 763-3693.

PERSONAL RETREAT AT LOMA

The LOMA Center for Renewal invites pastors, associates in ministry, and other pastoral care professionals and their spouses Sunday, Nov. 10-Monday, Nov. 11.

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MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOMA RETREAT (cont.)

Relax, renew and reflect, and visit with your seldom-seen peers, while LOMA serves Sunday dinner and Monday continental breakfast. Every overnight room is private with towels and linens provided. You will be the only guests at LOMA during this time. Massage therapy will be available for a charge.

For reservations call by Nov. 5 to the LOMA Center, 392-1871 or 1-800-464-5662 (LOMA).

NEW CONTRACT WITH KEZX

Lutheran Vespers announces a new one-year contract with station KEZX AM and FM. Vespers will be aired on KEZX AM 1150 at 7:30 a.m. Sunday mornings. KEZX FM 98.9 will air the program at 5:30 a.m. Sundays. Tune in on Sunday mornings before church (then GO to church!).

LWF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR U.S. CITIZENS

A few modest scholarship grants are available from Lutheran World Federation for members of the ELCA who wish to obtain international experience and leadership development. These grants are available primarily for short-term international experiences and practical training. In most cases the grants would cover only part of the cost.

Requests for applications may be directed to the Rev. Julianne Dennison, Director for International Scholarships, ELCA Division for Global Mission, 8765 W Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631-4192.

Completed applications must include endorsement by the synod bishop. For consideration this year, the application must be returned by October 1.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A CONFERENCE FOR TIMBER COMMUNITIES

You are invited to attend a conference titled "Timber Communities: Facing the Challenge Together", Sept. 27-28, at Gloria Dei Lutheran, Olympia. There is no cost.

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TIMBER CONFERENCE (cont.)

Make arrangements for your own housing. Register by calling Pastor Melanie Martin-Dent at 533-6051.

SPIRIT GATHERING AT SNOQUALMIE FALLS

Come and join tribal peoples, bishops and denominational leaders, and Indian drummers to bless and pray for one of Washington State's sacred landscapes. Development projects now threaten this natural cathedral and spiritual site.

In 1987, Christian ecumenical leaders of the Northwest made a pledge to area tribes to assist them in recovering ancient teachings and protecting traditional Indian religious sites. This event is another in a series of actions following through with that promise.

The gathering will take place at Snoqualmie Falls on Saturday, Sept. 21, noon-2:00 p.m. For more details, contact Ron Adams, 525-1213.

STEWARDING THE GIFTS OF A LIFETIME

A seminar on estate planning, tax planning, wills, and endowments will be offered twice, Saturday, Sept. 21 at Lutheran Bible Institute, Issaquah; and Saturday, Sept, 28 at Salem Lutheran, Mt. Vernon. Sponsored by our synod's Stewardship & Christian Life Committee, the events will cost $15/person (9/21) and $10/person (9/28), which includes materials, lunch, and coffee. Beginning at 9:00 am, topics will include Basic and Advanced Estate Planning, Legal Documents (living wills, durable power of attorney), Changing Tax Dollars into Charitable Dollars, and Establishing and Operating an Endowment Fund.

Each congregation is encouraged to send representatives. Register NOW by calling Christine Brass, 624-0093.

LUTHERAN COLLEGE NIGHTS

At Lutheran College night events, admissions counselors from many Lutheran universities and colleges meet informally with students, parents, pastors and youth leaders to discuss college programs,

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LUTHERAN COLLEGE NIGHTS (cont.)
careers, and financial aid. On Thursday, Sept. 26, this event will be held in Seattle at the Marriott Hotel, Seatac exit 188 off I-5, 7-9:00 p.m.

BEGINNING TEACHER WORKSHOP

Here is an opportunity to provide in-depth teacher training for people who have never taught in your congregation. On Saturday, Sept. 28 at Lutheran Bible Institute, learn to understand children, understand curriculum, plan a lesson, tell Bible stories effectively, and manage active children. This workshop is not tied to any specific curriculum. Bring your teacher's guide and learner book. Register by calling Josee Jordan at 392-0400 by Sept. 26.

FAMILY MINISTRY SERIES

Harbour Pointe Lutheran in Mukilteo is offering a FAMILY MINISTRY SERIES beginning Sept. 28 with the film, "Molder of Dreams" by Guy Doud, Teacher of the Year. Other events will occur through February, 1992.

Harbour Pointe is also offering a Wednesday evening series on POSITIVE DISCIPLINE with Bob Bradbury, child behavior specialist. Parents will learn the difference between punishment and discipline, why children misbehave, how to help them change, and how to enjoy them more. This series costs $35/person or $60/couple. Scholarships are available and babysitting is provided.

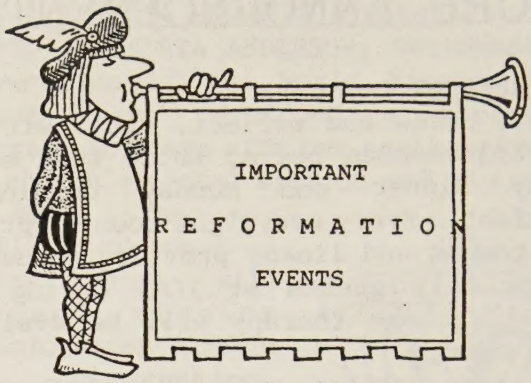
For information on both of the above events, call 353-5253.

INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE

The Church Council of Greater Seattle's Mental Health Task Force is planning an Interfaith Service of Worship at the conclusion of Mental Illness Awareness Week (Oct. 6-12). The service will be held at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 911 Stewart St., Seattle, on Oct. 13 at 2:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

ANNUAL LSSW BENEFIT BANQUET NOV. 15

The theme of this year's annual benefit banquet for Lutheran Social Services will focus on adoptions. If you have adopted or have been adopted through ANY Lutheran Social Services in the country, please call 672-6009 to be included in the invitation.



LUTHERAN/CATHOLIC REFORMATION FESTIVAL

The theme of the annual Reformation Festival this year is "Liturgical Meaning, Liturgical Renewal: Ecumenical Imperatives in the Late 20th Century", on Sunday, Oct. 27. Featured speaker will be the REV. GORDON LATHROP, Professor of Liturgics and Chaplain at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

Events at St. James Cathedral, 9th & Marion in Seattle, will begin with registration at 2:30 p.m., followed by a 3:00 p.m. study session led by Dr. Lathrop on comparisons of Lutheran and Roman Catholic liturgy. After dinner at local restaurants, the 7:00 p.m. worship service will follow the Service of the Word developed for events sponsored jointly by Catholic and Lutheran church bodies. Dr. Lathrop's sermon will focus on unity in Christ.

BISHOP'S CONVOCATION

Continuing the theme of liturgical reform, Dr. Lathrop will address the Bishop's Convocation on Monday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. James Cathedral. Both Roman Catholic and Lutheran clergy and lay people are invited. Dr. Lathrop will consider the meaning of Sunday worship and its importance, and the role of local parishes in liturgical reform. All are strongly encouraged to attend this unique event.

Discussion will continue Monday evening with a lecture by Dr. Lathrop on "The Use and Implementation of the Inclusive Language Lectionary." This event will take place at 7 p.m. at Bethel of Shoreline Lutheran Church, 17418-8th NE, Seattle (THIS IS A CHANGE FROM ST. JOHN, SEATTLE). Bethel of Shoreline is easily accessible from I-5, exit #176 (175th St. NE), east 6 blocks to 8th Avenue.

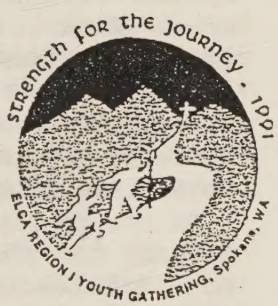
CLERGY SPOUSE GATHERING SET

All Northwest Washington Synod clergy spouses and widows are invited to a gathering on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 9:30 a.m. at Camano Lutheran Church, 850 N Heichel Road, Camano Island. Dr. Eldon Olson, Director of Consultation to Clergy and co-chair of the ELCA Task Force on Sexuality, will speak on the topic, "Human Sexuality--What's Happening in the ELCA--How it Affects our Congregations, Our Spouses and Ourselves". Lunch will be provided at noon, and the event will conclude at 2:00 pm.

Please make a reservation by Oct. 10 by calling Shirley Knutson, 935-9205.

REGION I YOUTH GATHERING IN SPOKANE

All congregations should have received registration materials for this biennial youth event. Exciting and well-known speakers SEAN MC MILLAN, SIGI SANDROCK, and MIKE YACONELLI, plus musician DAVID LEE BROWN will lead this event. The theme of "Strength for the Journey" will be carried out through servant projects, music, worship, workshops, and large group gatherings.



Early registration fees of $68/person are due by Oct. 18; cost is $78/person after Oct. 18. The Youth Gathering will be held in the Spokane Convention Center.

SEARCH HOLY LAND TOURS RESUME

The second annual SEARCH Weekly Bible Study tour of the Holy Land has been re-scheduled from last winter to depart on March 11, 1992. The tour participants will study the Old Testament as they travel through the Sinai Peninsula and Mt. Horeb. Emphasis will be on the New Testament as the group stays in the Jerusalem area and in the Galilee region. The group will also meet local people: Arab, Israeli, Christian, Jew and Moslem.

Search WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

The cost for this all-inclusive tour from New York is $1699. Other departure cities also are available. As the last trip was

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HOLY LAND TRIP (cont.)

over-subscribed, registrations should not be delayed. For information, call Group Travel Directors, 1-800-747-2255.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

SECOND TUESDAY LECTURE SERIES

Presbyterian Counseling Service is offering their 12th annual lecture series to the community, bringing a variety of speakers who are experts in their fields. Topics will include "Understanding the Hispanic Client", "Religion & Addiction", "Theory-Driven Treatment with Sexually Abused Children & their Families", "Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse: Therapeutic Process & Recovery Stages", "Dealing with Aggressive Clients", "Family Goals & Values: Through the Eyes of Children & Parents", "The Concept of Hospitality: Use & Abuse of Therapists' Power", and "Utilizing Narrative Approaches in Family Psychotherapy".

All lectures are held in the Ravenna Blvd. Presbyterian Church, Seattle, from 10 a.m. to noon, from Sept. 10, 1991 to May 12, 1992. Cost for the entire series is $70, or individual lectures are $12 each. Write to Presbyterian Counseling Service, 564 NE Ravenna Blvd, Seattle, WA 98115.

OFFERINGS FROM THE CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

To provide teaching, spiritual direction, and experience in contemplative practice, the Center is offering the Centering Prayer Series featuring Fr. Thomas Keating. An introduction will be held Sept. 28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at St. Mark's Cathedral, 1245-10th Ave E, Seattle. The six-week series begins Oct. 1. Call 329-6700 for cost and registration, and for other offerings.

PLTS FOUNDERS DAY LECTURE SERIES

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary invites pastors and lay people to attend a lecture series Sept. 24-25, featuring Dr. Larry R. Rasmussen, an eminent Lutheran ethicist on the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in New York. He will speak on "American Society: Crisis of Moral Formation, "The Church as Moral Community: What Chance, What Resources?", and "People of the Way: Home Again for Good". Call (415) 524-5264 by Sept. 20.

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MARCUS J BORG LECTURE SERIES

On Sept. 27-28, Marcus J. Borg, a nationally known Jesus scholar and Professor of Religious Studies in Eugene, OR, will present three lectures on Jesus at Immanuel Lutheran, 1215 Thomas, Seattle. The event starts Friday at 7 p.m., and continues Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. Registration is $20 which includes the lectures, lunch, and coffee. Continuing education credit is available.

Contact Immanuel Lutheran at 622-1930, or Don Douglas at 392-0400 or 488-9193.

WORSHIP WORKSHOP

Don't miss this valuable workshop offering by the synod Worship Committee on Saturday, October 5 at Gethsemane, Seattle, 9 am-12:30 pm. No pre-registration is required, and there is no cost.

The theme is "Worship in the 90's and Beyond: Faithfulness Amidst Diversity". Workshop offerings will include the following:

-Organists: Creative Use of the LBW
-Children & Worship: How Can They Be More Involved?
-Reclaiming the Liturgy: the Need for Ritual
-Changing Help for Pastors and Assisting Ministers
-Congregation as Choir: Wild Hopes and Everyday Options for Worship Planning
-Back to Our Roots: Random Thoughts on a Liturgical Revolution
-New Music for Worship: What's Out There?
-What Language Shall We Borrow to Thank Thee, Dearest Friend

Workshop leaders will be David Cherwien, Susan Palo Cherwien, Katie Adelman, Jim McEachran, Carol Tomer, and Richard Webb.

The Worship Workshop will be preceded by a HYMN FESTIVAL at Gethsemane Lutheran on Friday, Oct. 4 at 7 pm on the theme, "Images of God", led by David Cherwien and Susan Palo Cherwien. This event is also offered at no cost.

PREPARE/ENRICH TRAINING

Prepare/Enrich is a non-threatening tool used to assess relationship strengths, problematic areas, and assist clergy and counselors in relating to couples more

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PREPARE/ENRICH TRAINING (cont.)

effectively. This full-day workshop willenable professionals to administer, interpret, and counsel with three inventories: Prepare--for couples planning to marry, Prepare-Me--for marriages where children are involved, and Enrich--for marriage enrichment and couples seeking counseling.

The date is Tuesday, Oct. 8, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; cost is $95 which includes manual, materials and lunch. Call Fran Davis at Lutheran Social Services for more information, 672-6009.

AAPC NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Northwest Regional Conference of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors will be held Oct. 18-19 at Alton Collins Retreat Center in Sandy, OR. The featured speaker will be DR. ALICE McNAIR, who will speak about clinical and cross-cultural issues in pastoral counseling as they relate to the ethnic communities. An African-American, Dr. McNair was one of the featured speakers at the 1991 Annual AAPC Convention in Albuquerque.

To pre-register (space is limited) send a check for $75 payable to AAPC-Northwest to Doug McLemore, P O Box 1192, Silverdale, WA 98383.

FALL SPEAKER SERIES IN EVERETT

Prince of Peace Lutheran in Everett will host a fall speaker series Oct. 20-22 featuring DR. GERHARD O. FORDE, well-known author and faculty member at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary. All clergy and lay people are invited for 7 pm lectures each day. A $3 donation is requested each evening.

A special event for pastors, lay associates and spouses is planned for Oct. 22. Contact Pastor Dick Shouse, 337-6663, for details, or watch for a special flyer coming in the mail to all rostered clergy and associates in ministry.

LEGAL & ETHICAL ISSUES IN CARING FOR THE ELDERLY

A conference for staff members of skilled nursing facilities, pastors, physicians, attorneys, other professionals involved in caring for the elderly, and families considering elder care are invited to this conference on Oct. 23, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Quality Inn, Everett.

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CARING FOR THE ELDERLY (cont.)

The conference will explore the impact of law and values systems on care giving decisions and the people who make them. Continuing education credit from LITE is available.

Questions? Call John Corkran, conference coordinator, 259-5508.

WHO CARES...FOR THE CAREGIVER?

Nurture yourself on the holiday weekend of Nov. 22-23 (6 p.m. Friday through 3:30 p.m. Saturday) at the LOMA Center for Renewal at a course for caregivers and partners. You will have the opportunity to confirm your life priorities, determine stressors in your current lifestyle and symptoms of stress, and identify techniques for self-care and mutual care with your life partner (and, of course, enjoy the hot tub!). Cost is $75 per person which includes the workshop, lodging, dinner, breakfast, and lunch.

The program will be conducted by THEA SINGER and the REV. DR. VERN FLESNER. For additional information call the LOMA Center, 392-1871.

COLUMBUS IN CONTEXT

The Center for Global Education at Augsburg College is offering travel seminars to Central America, focusing on the 1492-1992 Quincentenary theme, seeking to honor 500 years of struggle and survival by indigenous peoples of the Americas.

The first seminar, scheduled for Oct. 4-13 in Guatemala, has as its theme: "Five Hundred Years: Exploring the Past to Discover the Present." Other opportunities include a January 1992 trip to Guatemala and Nicaragua, an April 1992 trip to El Salvador, a May/June 1992 trip to Honduras and Guatemala, and an October 1992 trip to Guatemala, scheduled to coincide with the Columbus Day observance.

For detailed information about these opportunities, contact the Center for Global Education, Augsburg College, 731-21st Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55454; (612) 330-1159).

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MISSION 90
SEE+GROW+SERVE

MISSION90 ALERT

This fall two new MISSION90 resources are available. Bible Study/Witness is a 20-session study which offers biblical and theological foundations for effective corporate and individual faith sharing. Fifteen sessions provide an overview of Old and New Testament, with five sessions focusing on the biblical message of witnessing. Our Children at Risk is a 12-session resource addressing the subjects of peace, justice, and care of creation for use in multi-generational settings.

The October Action Packet will have further information on these Augsburg Fortress resources, to assist congregations in bringing MISSION90 into the life of our congregations.

A/V CORNER by Christine Brass, Region I A/V Resource Center

Reformation Sunday is soon upon us! Many of you may be considering using A/V materials about Martin Luther and Lutheran Church History. The following titles are available. Videos on Martin Luther become very popular this time of year, so call early!

-*Luther's Small Catechism* (filmstrip)
-*Lutheran Beliefs* (15-min. video)
-*Martin & Kate* (15-min. video)
-*Martin Luther* (105-min. video & film)
-*Martin Luther, Heretic* (70-min. video)
-*Where Luther Walked* (35-min. film & video)

There are several other films and videos on Lutheran church history. Call Christine at 624-0093 to reserve these resources.

1991 SYNOD ASSEMBLY VIDEO

An edited copy of the video from our 1991 synod assembly is available in the Region I office. Domestic Violence: In the Midst of Our Strange Land, is straight talk for adult forums and for personal education, featuring a dialogue by Drs. Elizabeth Bettenhausen and Mary Pellauer centered on domestic violence in church and society. To view the video, call Christine at 624-0093.

ONE MORE RESOURCE

FOR CONGREGATIONS CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) has developed an informational booklet called "Celebrating Your Congregation's Anniversary." It provides creative ideas and practical suggestions to congregations planning any type of anniversary celebration.

AAL also provides "Milestone" grants to congregations celebrating anniversaries of 100 years, and each 25th anniversary thereafter. Grants ranging from $400 to $1,000 can enhance your congregation's celebration.

Contact your local AAL agency or district representative for these resources.

W A N T A D S

LBI ADMISSION POSITIONS

Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle is seeking candidates for the positions of Director of Admissions and Admissions Representative. Applicants should send a letter and resume to David Spengler, Vice President for Advancement, LBI-Seattle, 4221-228th Ave. SE, Issaquah, WA 98027, or call 392-0400.

MUSIC STAFF POSITION

Gethsemane Lutheran Church in downtown Seattle is seeking a part-time Director of Music (approx. 15-20 hours/week) to be church organist and choir director; 29 rank Fritts-Richards tracker action pipe organ. Please send resume to church office, attn: Mutual Ministry Committee, and a job description will be sent to the applicant.

ORGANIST

Peace Lutheran Church in West Seattle has an organist position available. Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. weekly, and twice per month at 8:00 a.m., plus Thursday evening choir rehearsal. Send resume or inquire for additional details to Peace Lutheran Church, 8316 - 39th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98136; 937-1962.

MINISTER OF VISITATION

A part-time Minister of Visitation position (clergy or lay) is available at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Seattle. For a job description and other information, call the church office at 364-2510.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

A full-time position is open at Phinney Ridge Lutheran in Seattle. Oversees facilities, financial management, and other support staff. Accountable to Council and Lead Pastor. Requires administrative skills, knowledge of accounting procedures, computer friendliness and people skills. Contact Pastor Don Maier, 783-2350.

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Our Savior Lutheran in Issaquah is seeking a half-time youth director for existing program for grades 3-12. Send resumes to Pastor Karen Hanson, Our Savior Lutheran Church, 745 Front St. So., Issaquah, WA 98027 by Nov. 20.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AT HOSPICE OF SEATTLE

Hospice of Seattle offers two volunteer opportunities. First, they are seeking sensitive and caring individuals over age 18 to become members of their bereavement team. Volunteers provide emotional support to Hospice families who have experienced a loss of a loved one. Fall training will begin Oct. 12. If you have not experienced a significant loss within the last year and can volunteer approximately 4 hours/week for one year, please call Vicki Hollander at 320-4000.

The second opportunity is to become a member of the team which provides respite for caregivers, companionship for patients, light housekeeping, and transportation. Training for these volunteers will be Oct. 24. For details call Connie Hull at 320-4000.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

Here is an opportunity to help pregnant teenagers and their unborn babies get a fresh start on life. Some have been abandoned, abused, or neglected, and many

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MORE WANT ADS

FOSTER PARENTS (cont.)
are homeless. Foster homes provide the stability and security they need and deserve. If you are a concerned and caring individual, have a room, and want to help, please become a foster parent. Financial support is available. Call Youth Advocates at 322-7838.

YOUTH DIRECTOR AVAILABLE

An experienced, dynamic, zany, ubiquitous youth director seeks 1/2-time position in the Seattle area. Call Amy Greimann at 633-3288.

LSS BOARD POSITIONS

The Northwest Area Board of Lutheran Social Services, serving King and Snohomish counties, is seeking to diversify its pool of potential board members. LSS would like to hear from persons interested in being considered for a three-year term of office. Board meetings are currently held 10 times/year, with service on one board committee also required.

The board is especially interested in persons with a background and interest in one or more of the following areas: finance, human resources, or program development and evaluation.

Please send a letter of interest and a description of your background (or a resume) to Marie Jamieson, Director; Lutheran Social Services; 6920-220th SW, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043.

ORGAN FOR SALE

A 1950 Hammond organ is available for sale through Foss Home Auxiliary. In excellent condition, the organ has two full manuals, two octaves of pedals, and an external Hammond power cabinet. The organ is valued at $1,000. Sealed bids will be accepted until October 1 (minimum bid $650). For more information, call Dawnell Lamb at 885-6915 or Anne Skelton at 364-1300.

FREE MIMEO

Phinney Ridge Lutheran has a Gestetner mimeograph machine and a Rex Rotary scanner to give away. Supplies will be given at cost, 20 tubes of black ink and 200 stencils for $400. Call 783-2350.

SYNOD/REGIONAL FAMILY

We grieve the loss of our friend and brother, Emil Swanson, and surround his wife Dagney and family in our prayers . . . Tim Carraher was recently in a car accident (hit by a drunk driver). He is recovering from his injuries . . . Orrin Consear was recently hospitalized with heart problems . . . Larry Morris is recovering from a bout with walking pneumonia . . . Jon Nelson of Central, Seattle, has been sentenced to 30 days in jail for his Gulf War protest . . . please welcome our newest addition, Erin Joanne Parks, born August 7 to David and Carla Parks. Congratulations! . . . Bob and Sally Winkel were blessed with a new granddaughter, and Tom and Judy Blevins were blessed with a new grandson recently . . . Lowell Stime, on faculty at LBI, and his wife, Dianne, have left on a 9-month study sabbatical at Tantur, the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies, near Jerusalem . . . this summer two members of Advent, Everett, Kimberly Nelson and Joann Shaffer, participated in the LAMP program. They helped conduct two weeks of VBS in remote parts of British Columbia for native children . . .

IN MEMORIAM

EMIL L. SWANSON
June 29, 1905 - September 12, 1991

Pastor Emil Swanson was ordained into the ministry on June 18, 1933, into the Augustana Lutheran Church. He married Dagney Adele Sjolander on June 9, 1933, and they had two daughters, Maurine and Lee Ann. Emil graduated from Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, IL, in 1933.

He served the following parishes: Edensburg, Malmo, NE; Immanuel & Adullam, Bertrand, NE; First-Brainerd and First-Pillager, MN; Elim, Duluth, MN; Bethany, Seattle; and Gethsemane, Seattle.

Pastor Swanson also served on the Boards of Bethpage Mission, Axtell, NE; Luther College, Wahoo, NE; Lutheran Compass Center, Seattle; and Columbia Lutheran Home, Seattle.

Peace be unto him.

PROJECT EQUALITY MONTH

November 1991

Stand And Be Counted

Order Your RESOURCE PAKS Now

Planning:

- ☞ Suggested ideas on how to use the resource materials for education and action during November Project Equality Month (or at another time).
- ☞ Illustrations of how Project Equality addresses these needs.

Communications

- ☞ Poster on Project Equality Week for the Bulletin Board.
- ☞ Bulletin Cover using Project Equality logo.
- ☞ Mission Message; A 2 minute presentation on PE for use in Sunday service.
- ☞ Secure and use the 20 minute video on "Making the Dream Come True".

Information:

- ☞ Background information on the need for Project Equality: participation rates of minorities and women in the workforce; continuing discrimination; remedies; etc.
- ☞ Short article and paragraphs about PE for use in your newsletter.
- ☞ Membership leaflets for congregational and/or individual members.

Liturgical:

- ☞ Litany and Worship Resources. Sermon/homily suggestions.

Action:

- ☞ Send enlistment letters to non-participating Department Stores (will be included in the Summer ***September*** Newsletter).
- ☞ Send Thank You cards to participating department stores and other vendors.

Please detach this portion and return to: Project Equality, Inc., 1020 East 63rd Street #102, Kansas City MO 64110

RESOURCE PAK Order Form

( ) Resource Pak -Contribtion enclosed to cover the cost of the materials, distribution and handling. ($5.00 or more requested but not required). ____

( ) 20 minute videotape "Making the Dream Come True" and Study Guide ($25 to purchase, $5 to preview). ____

Total Amount Enclosed ____

Name _____

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TREASURER'S REPORT
GENERAL FUND
FIRST SEVEN MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 31, 1991

Financial support from congregations for the first seven months of the current fiscal year has reflected an increase of 8.2% over the same period of last year. At the June 1991 Synod Assembly, it was reported that the rate of congregational giving after four months was up 7.8% over the prior year. The level of giving from congregations to this point of the year may be influenced by two positive factors; first, increased congregational commitments and giving in support of Synod and Churchwide mission, and second, an effort by more congregations to meet synodical commitments on a monthly basis without a yearend surge. As a further point of reference, last year's revenue for twelve months increased 3.2% over the previous year.

Revenue receipts through August of $715,024 is almost identical to the straight-line budget of $717,500 as shown in the summary below. (Straight-line means 1/12 of the annual budget per month). Total disbursements are slightly above the same budget level with the overages principally due to the timing of pension/medical cost payments, specific extended ministries and Churchwide remittances.

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIATIONS OVER/ (UNDER)
Revenues:			
1Qtr91 (Feb - Mar - Apr)	$ 325,388	$ 307,500	$ 17,888
2Qtr91 (May - Jun - Jul)	280,928	307,500	(26,572)
3Qtr91 (Aug -)	108,708	102,500	6,208
Total Revenues	$ 715,024	$ 717,500	$ (2,476)
Total Disbursements	$ 721,965	$ 717,500	$ 4,465
Total Revenues under Disbursements	$ (6,941)	$ -0-	$ (6,941)

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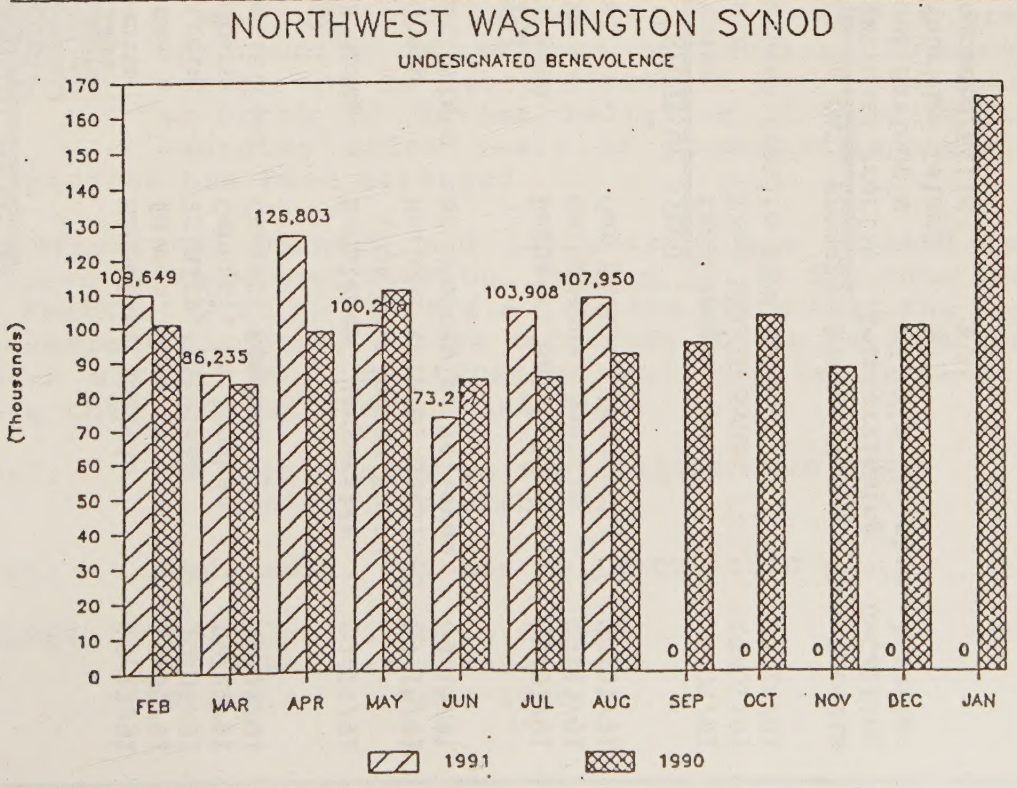

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C A L E N D A R

SEPT
- 24 Parish Education Committee, Prince of Peace N, 7:30 pm
- 26 Ecumenical Commission, St. John, Seattle, 2 pm
- 26 Awakenings Process, St. John, Seattle, 6:30 pm
- 28 Stewardship Seminar, 9 am, Salem, Mt Vernon

OCT
- 4-5 Synod WELCA Convention, Everett Pacific Hotel
- 5 Worship Workshop, Gethsemane, Seattle, 9 am
- 8 Finance Committee, Prince of Peace N, 6 pm
- 9 AIM luncheon, University, Seattle, noon
- 9 Interim pastors meet, St. John, Seattle, 11 am
- 9 Executive Committee, St. John, Seattle, 7:30 am
- 12 Sno-King Cluster Church Council Training, Gloria Dei, Alderwood Manor, 9 am
- 18 STUDY OF MINISTRY, Prince of Peace S, 7:30 pm
- 19 Clergy spouse gathering, Camano Island, 9:30 am
- 22 Retirees and widows luncheon
- 27 REFORMATION SERVICE, 7 pm, St. James Cathedral, Seattle,
- 28 BISHOP'S CONVOCATION, 8:30 am, St. James Cathedral, Seattle
- 28 Conversations with GORDON LATHROP, 7 pm, Bethel of Shoreline, Seattle

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CALLS ACCEPTED LP=Lead Pastor A=Associate Y=Youth Pastor

Gene M. Bradbury	Bethlehem, Sedro-Woolley	09/16/91
Gary W. Dalenius	Magnolia, Seattle	10/01/91
Joel H. Kutzke	Edison, Bow	10/01/91
Paul W. Sundberg (A)	Central, Bellingham	09/01/91
Trudy A. Thorleifson(A)	Christ, Edmonds	09/15/91

AIM APPOINTMENT(S) ACCEPTED
None this month

INSTALLATION(S)

Gary W. Dalenius	Magnolia, Seattle	10/13/91
Joel H. Kutzke	Edison, Bow	10/06/91
F. Philip Strain	Trinity, Kirkland	10/06/91
Paul W. Sundberg	Central, Bellingham	09/22/91
Trudy A. Thorleifson	Christ, Edmonds	09/22/91

ORDINATION(S)

Michael D. Ronning	Bethlehem, Marysville (for New Jersey Synod)	09/29/91
Paul W. Sundberg	Harbour Pointe, Mukilteo	09/15/91
Trudy A. Thorleifson	St. Andrew's, Bellevue	09/15/91

RESIGNATION(S)

Wayne H. Ericksen	Bethany, Bainbridge Is.	09/01/91
Paul W. Eriks	Gethsemane, Seattle	09/15/91
Paul R. Wuest	Our Savior, Issaquah	08/31/91

TRANSFER(S) IN/OUT OF SYNOD

Gary W. Dalenius	from Oregon Synod	10/01/91
Joel H. Kutzke	from EWA/ID Synod	10/01/91
Luther O. Watness (ret)	to SWWA Synod	08/26/91

CONGREGATIONS IN CALL PROCESS NV=New Vacancy Int=Interim CP=Congregational Profile I=Interviewing C=Calling

Arlington, Our Saviour's	NV	Tim Carraher, Interim
Bethany, Bainbridge Island	NV	
Concrete, Shepherd/Hills	NV	
Edison, Bow	C	Paul Wietzke, Int
Edmonds, Christ (Assoc)	C	Robert Quello, Pastor
Seattle, Lakeridge	Int	Lothar Pietz, Interim
Seattle, Phinney Ridge (Assoc)	I	Don Maier, Pastor
Startup, Shepherd/Hills	NV	
Seattle, Gethsemane	NV	

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOUR CONGREGATION IS SEEKING A LAY PROFESSIONAL, PLEASE CONTACT THE SYNOD OFFICE. THANK YOU.